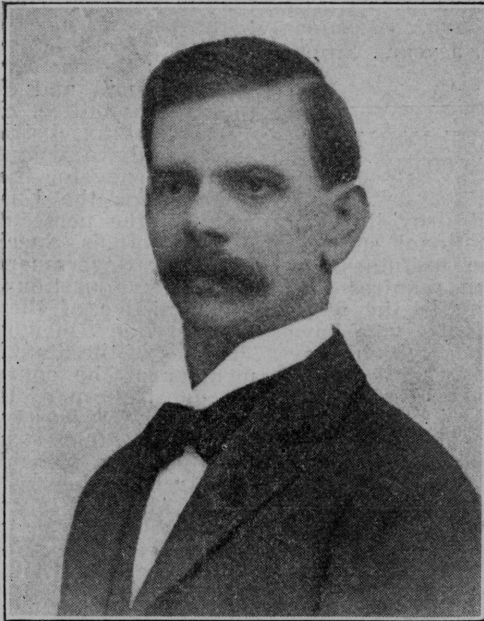


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### THE SMITH-HUGHES ACT FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Smith-Hughes Act providing for teacher training in vocational subjects will greatly enlarge the usefulness of the college. A regulation requires that secondary schools putting in the work must secure college graduates who have specialized in the subjects which they are to teach and must pay each a salary of not less than \$1400.00. The schools introducing vocational agriculture have no Alabama school except Auburn to supply them with well equipped instructors. Those introducing vocational industries will probably also look to Auburn as the chief source for teachers.

At least one additional instructor will be added to our department of education and a number of additional courses will be given by this department and

by other departments working in co-operation with it. All of the funds available for teacher training in agriculture for whites and a large part of the funds for teacher training in industries will be paid to Auburn. The special committee authorized to approve schools qualifying under the Smith-Hughes Act has announced that appropriations for approved schools will be available in January, 1918.

There seems to be no doubt that this is the beginning of a new era in vocational education in the high schools of Alabama. Without a doubt, Auburn will now be able to render more valuable service to these schools than ever before.

### JUDGE A. C. BAKER

Judge Albert Cornelius Baker, of Phoenix, Arizona, is one of our most prominent former students. He was a student in the East Alabama Male College in the years 1867 and 1868. Judge Baker went to Arizona about forty years ago while it was yet a frontier territory. He took part in the work of leveling the roads for incoming civilization and was a significant factor in the erection of that magnificent commonwealth.

He has held at different times a large number of official positions and places of trust. He was a member of the territorial council and chairman of the judiciary committee, city attorney of the city of Phoenix, district attorney of Maricopa county, Assistant United States District Attorney for the Territory, Special Counsel for the United States Government in the persecution of Apache Indian criminals, Special Counsel for the Mexican Government in controverted boundary questions, District Judge, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory, member of the Board of Trustees of the State Normal School, and member of the convention that framed the constitution of the State.

Judge Baker has two sons who are in the United States Army, and two daughters living in Phoenix. He is also the fond grandfather of six grandchildren.

The Alumnus takes pleasure in introducing Judge Baker to the host of younger Auburn men. He was a student in the time of Dr. H. M. Hamill, Judge J. R. Dowdell, and Dr. R. C. Persons, whom most of us know.

## COMMENT ON COLLEGE AFFAIRS

*Dr. J. S. Robinson, Who is Educational Director of Camp Sheridan, came up to Auburn a few days ago at the request of the faculty and made a very interesting talk about his work before the Conversation Club. A faculty committee is now making plans by which the college will be able to cooperate with him in providing instruction for the soldiers at the camp.*

*Two Very Enjoyable Entertainments during the past month were the annual Thanksgiving banquets of the Sigma Nu and Kappa Sigma Fraternities. These informal "jollification meets" are very characteristic of the "Auburn Spirit."*

*The Annual Thanksgiving Debate of the Wirt and Websterian Literary Societies was held on December first.*



The Wirts were the winners. The enthusiasm manifested was significant of the increasing interest in the societies.

*The Student Band*, in addition to accompanying the team to the Ohio and Tech games, made special trips to Columbus, Ga., and Evergreen, Ala., during the past term.

*The Student Military Corps* will soon be wearing the olive drab service uniform furnished by the war department to the members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

*The Phi Kappa Phi Society* elected the following seniors to membership during the past term: W. H. Withington, R. D. Jordan, J. T. Fowler, J. H. Witherington, F. W. Parker, G. L. Burleson, L. H. Heyman, R. T. Kernachan, Miss Laura Watt, W. A. Guess, J. H. Murray, W. W. Allen, W. C. Sills, G. E. Burgin, J. H. Hamilton, O. H. Schultz, O. N. Massingale, L. G. Duggar, C. B. Barker, J. A. Strozier, L. W. Johnson, R. P. Simmons, and J. F. Yarbrough.

Candidates must have an average grade in all work of 85 per cent. Stress is laid on good character and on participation in college activities.

*The Auburn Exhibits* at the Birmingham State Fair and at the Columbus, Ga., Fair were very attractive. The automatic picture machine was going all the time and always had a good crowd of interested spectators.

*Engineering and Veterinary*, as well as medical students, according to a recent ruling of the War Department, are exempt from draft until graduation.

Auburn contributed \$100.15 to the Sailors' and Soldiers' Library Fund.

#### NINETY-ONE AUBURN MEN COMMISSIONED AT SECOND TRAINING CAMP

Ninety-one commissions as officers in the United States Army have been issued to Auburn men in the Second Officers' Training Camp just closed, making a total of 372 commissioned officers. This is the total so far recorded, truly a gratifying record to the friends of the institution. Among the commissions are included the following captains and lieutenants:

##### *Captains*

A. W. Merkel, Coast Artillery, Birmingham.

E. W. Lind, Coast Artillery, Birmingham.

E. F. Pearce, Coast Artillery, Prattville.

A. A. Hedge, Coast Artillery, Sedalia, Mo.

J. M. Hayes, Artillery, Birmingham.

Frank Skeggs, Infantry, Decatur.

R. A. Burleson, Infantry, Hartselle.

A. L. Jerdan, Infantry, Red Bay, Ala.

W. H. Hamilton, Ordnance, Birmingham.

W. L. Harwell, Engineers, Tampa, Fla.

##### *Lieutenants*

E. W. Crook, Jacksonville.

F. G. Mullen, Talladega.

H. T. Spence, Camilla, Ga.

H. A. Bowron, Birmingham.

L. B. Dean, Alexander City.

B. W. Davis, Macon, Ga.

C. A. Ashcraft, Florence.

J. D. Shinn, Sylacauga.

P. L. Jones, Florence.

H. J. Schwab, Birmingham.

P. E. Eagle, Jacksonville, Fla.

J. H. Hanson, Auburn.

Allen Bowen, Macon, Ga.

W. E. Edwards, Opelika.

Lamar Howe, Auburn.

H. H. Raft, Brewton.

C. B. Martin, Bessemer.

W. W. Wood, Birmingham.

H. M. Brittain, Roanoke.

D. Cook, Camden.

H. O. Burgess, Edwardsville.

F. L. Tucker, Anderson, S. C.

A. B. Roberts, Eufaula.

W. S. Jacobs, Cuthbert, Ga.

P. B. Jones, Columbus, Ga.

J. E. Hickey, Atlanta, Ga.

J. T. Roberts, Guntersville.

L. A. Miller, Oakman.

E. L. Tuttle, Pittsburg, Pa.

W. R. Hall, Birmingham.

J. E. Lacey, Bessemer.

R. A. Newman, Gainesville, Ga.

C. D. Moon, Goodwater.

Troy Watts, Montgomery.

C. M. McCall, Brewton.

J. E. Brown, Birmingham.

E. A. Vaughan, Auburn.

B. P. Blasingame, Auburn.

L. C. Collins, Birmingham.

D. P. Malone, Atlanta, Ga.

R. H. Slider, Mobile, Ala.

O. A. Strickland, Bessemer.

A. C. Strickland, Birmingham.

M. S. Allen, Birmingham.

J. B. Patrick, Anderson, S. C.

R. K. Stanley, West Point, Ga.

E. D. Hugley, West Point, Ga.

J. A. Morgan, Lincoln.

B. I. Bostwick, Arlington, Ga.

T. M. Williams, Bauneville.

E. H. Smith, Tuskegee.

M. A. Smith, Prattville.

L. W. Funk, Florence, S. C.

M. A. McWilliams, Prattville.

Homer Cogdell, Chattanooga, Tenn.

J. Tayloe Jones, Montgomery.

Alex O. Taylor, Jacksonville, Fla.

M. A. Collins, Birmingham.

W. T. Cowen, Piedmont.

Ralph Jackson, Birmingham.

E. H. Cannady, Jackson.  
 A. C. McGregor, Atlanta.  
 T. H. Reeves, Eufaula.  
 Legare Hairston, Meridian, Miss.  
 R. M. Hudson, Pyriton.  
 R. C. Hill, York.  
 K. Smith, Gadsden.  
 G. O. Burns, Florence.  
 C. A. Jones, Jr., Birmingham.  
 W. E. Evans, Fulton.  
 H. H. Everett, Atlanta.  
 Everett Shepherd, Birmingham.  
 Geo. M. Dent, Eufaula.  
 Otis G. Clements, Auburn.  
 Jerry L. Echols, Gadsden.  
 Jas. T. Farmer, Samson.  
 Wm. L. Martin, St. Andrews Bay, Fla.

#### AUBURN AND OHIO GAME AS SEEN BY VISITING WRITERS

Montgomery and the Auburn-Ohio State Football game drew the attention of not only the South but of the whole country, and of the middle west in particular. A few comments on the game from Ohio and southern papers will not be amiss at this time.

The Columbus, O., Sunday Dispatch carried a streamer across the page, reading, "Auburn's Southern Eleven Surprises Itself and World by Holding Ohio State to Scoreless Tie." Their opening paragraph says: "Emulating a certain Mr. David of Goliath fame, Auburn college, known heretofore as a technical school of Alabama, grabbed great quantities of renown unto itself this afternoon by holding Ohio State, twice Western Conference champions, to a scoreless tie. \* \* \*

Further along it says: "No more picturesque game was ever played in the Southland on a battlefield where the North and South fought again. But there could have been no cleaner or more sportsmanlike struggle, for the few penalties were chiefly for offside play. Solid walls of khaki dotted here and there with the horizon blue uniforms of the French officers, viewing their first football contest, almost blotted out the Auburn colors and the scarlet and gray arm bands of the Ohio State Soldiers."

Reuben A. Lewis, of the Atlanta Georgian, says: "Auburn fought valiantly. Entering the field in the face of great odds, the Plainsmen started off with two disastrous fumbles and a fluky punt. It seemed as though a rout was impending, but the hefty eleven responded to the appeal of its followers, stopped Ohio State and left the gridiron without yielding a score. It was a great spectacle. Auburn, green and inexperienced, checked the Western champions when they loomed near the goal line, broke up their vaunted forward passing attack, and at one time threatened to register a touchdown."

Morgan Blake, old Vanderbilt star and

sporting editor of the Atlanta Journal, who witnessed the game, says:

"Four times Ohio had the ball in the shadow of the Auburn goal, but the Tigers, fighting with a spirit that was sublime, refused to let them through. In the very first quarter when Auburn started out miserably, Ohio had the ball on the one-yard line. Harley was given the ball and he plunged desperately at the line. But Pete Bonner and his stalwart fellows broke through and hurled the All-American back for a loss. Three other times the westerners had the ball within the ten-yard line, but could not penetrate that stone-wall line."

In another article, Mr. Blake says:

"Morally, it was a great victory. Auburn didn't win actually, but morally it was one of the greatest victories in southern football. The Tigers won the moral victory because they are brave; because when the crucial moments came they arose to grand heights and staved off defeat. All honor to them, I say. God bless them."

#### ALABAMA STUDENTS CHEER WHEN AUBURN HOLDS OHIO SCORELESS

University, Ala., Nov. 27—(Special.) There was rejoicing at Alabama when it was learned that Coach Donahue's Plainsmen had held the champions of the Western Conference scoreless last Saturday. The game is still being discussed here with both praise and thanks being given to Auburn. Students have expressed themselves as being proud of the fact that a football team of Alabama's sister school was so successful against the Ohio team.

Almost without a single dissenting voice those who have given an opinion on the outcome of the game have shown great pleasure at Auburn's fine showing and have expressed a desire to congratulate Auburn.

Since athletic relations between the schools were broken off it has been an often-repeated saying that an unfriendly feeling exists between Alabama's two largest institutions of learning, the University and Auburn. But students at Alabama have no such attitude toward the members of the student body of the other school, it has been emphasized, and Alabama students have tried to correct this false impression which has spread over the State.

They also have expressed the opinion that Auburn has no ill-feeling toward the University and that it is an injustice to maintain that the teams of the two schools cannot meet in athletic contests without trouble between the student bodies.

The demonstration of the students here at Auburn's moral victory over Ohio last Saturday is one of the indica-

tions that Alabama maintains a friendly attitude towards the Polytechnic Institute. Reports from Montgomery saying that Alabama Alumni cheered the Plainsmen with great enthusiasm indicate that the graduates of the University join the students in this attitude.

In fact, it is here considered absurd to think that athletic relations could not with ease and satisfaction be resumed between the two schools. It is believed that the game certainly would be a drawing card and would give the fans of the Magic city a great annual game between the two leading teams of the State.

Alabama has been with Auburn at heart in all of the Tiger games, it has been observed. In spite of the fact that Vandy defeated the Crimson, and had she defeated the Tigers also, Alabama probably would have been rated higher than the Plainsmen, many Alabama students boosted Auburn and declared themselves in favor of a victory for Donahue's squad. The large score Auburn rolled up on the commodores pleased students here.

Alabama men say that whatever rivalry might exist between Alabama and Auburn should not be mistaken for ill-feeling or malice.—News Item.

#### COACH "MIKE" DONAHUE REVIEWS 1917 SEASON OF AUBURN PLAINSMEN

In all remarks pertaining to the Auburn-Tech game, the fact seems to have been entirely lost sight of that a green Auburn team attempted the impossible in taking on two of the strongest teams in the country within a space of five days.

No football team no matter how strong and experienced can fight its heart out on Saturday, and then come back and do the same thing the next Saturday, not to mention doing it on Thursday. This was realized when it was found the game was to be played on this date, but there was no honorable way out besides the fact that the Ohio soldiers would be disappointed in not seeing their team in action.

#### *No Alibis*

So the Auburn team offered no alibis but went ahead and did the best it could under the circumstances and as results turned no Auburn man would have it changed for anything in the world. Auburn attempted the same thing in 1912, when a very strong Vanderbilt team was played on Saturday and Georgia on Thursday. The result was that Auburn lost the only game during '12, '13, '14.

The Auburn team on Thursday was nothing at all like the Auburn team on Saturday, and so it was this year. The foregoing is merely offered in paying tribute to Captain Cary Robinson and the bravest band of fighters that has ever represented the Orange and Blue. There

have been much stronger Auburn teams and with better records, but under the circumstances this past season has been just about the most successful that Auburn has ever had.

#### *Opening Prospects*

When the season opened the football prospects were something like this. Of the twenty varsity players there were three regulars and two substitutes. Of a rather weak scrub squad ten returned. In fact, Kirk Newell, the scrub coach, had to do most of the playing himself in order to give the varsity any practice.

Usually about one hundred and fifty take part in class football in Auburn during January and February. Of these only five were out and one of these who played on the Varsity this year failed to make the Freshman team last spring. Playing on an Auburn varsity has been such a shock to some of these players that they do not realize it as yet. They surpassed everyone's expectations including their own.

Of course enthusiastic student scribes who can always see that which they are hoping for with all their hearts never stop to analyze whenever they see an Auburn uniform on the field. Of the eighteen players available all but five are Sophomores. So if these were ordinary times football prospects would be rather bright for next year.

#### *Team in Making*

If the fortunes of war allow them to stay in college, Auburn has some first class players in the making. Rogers' injured knee hit the line an awful hard blow. He was making a good center but that was not the position that was hurt.

Caton, whose defense was a feature of the Tech game, made a very good center, but he had to be pulled from the left tackle position where he left a gaping hole that could not be filled. Auburn's weakness in this position was responsible for two-thirds of the ground gained against the team this season. Sizemore and Warren, the guards, worked so hard that they lost nearly a hundred pounds between them. Their weights were way below what they thought.

In '13 and '14 Auburn had a great All-Southern trio, but our old friends "Boozier" Pitts, "Tubby" Lockwood, and Jim Thigpen may rest assured that if Rogers, Sizemore and Warren stay in college we have a center trio that will push them mighty close and that ought to be good enough for anybody. These flanked by Pete Bonner and Caton would make a line well up to the Auburn standard, and Pete Bonner showed this year what a standard Auburn linesman could do.

#### *Pete Held 'Em*

There has been very little gaining around Pete's side of the line all year, especially while Gibson was at the end. In the Ohio game after Pete had fought



it out for nearly three quarters against Bolen and Capt. Courtney and as he was getting used up in the process, he was taken out. Blackshear, a little 150 pound tackle from last year's Freshman team was the only available substitute. His only resemblance to Pete was his blond hair.

Naturally Ohio started to run wild over that side until they were inside the ten yard line, when time was taken out. Pete meanwhile did not like the way things were going and while he could not talk because of a bad cold, he kept making frantic motions indicating his desire to get back. He reported and slipped into the line-up quietly and when play was resumed Ohio sent four plays at his tackle and got nowhere.

At Coach Wilke's request it was agreed that players once taken out could be substituted during the quarter. It very likely saved the game for Auburn.

Gibson, end, is another very promising player. With added weight and experience he will be as good as any.

#### *Surprised Himself*

Stiles, who played some at end and tackle, never took football seriously at Auburn and never came out for even the scrubs until this year, when someone dared him to come out. He surprised himself and everyone else. At that his trouble was not his playing ability but his poor physical condition because of fever and malaria. He is another coming player and a good one.

Thomas might have helped out considerably at left tackle, because, in spite of very poor physical condition, he had played there on and off all fall. He was called home because of sickness, however, just before the Ohio game and could not return for the Tech game. So Martin, a youngster who never scrubbed or even played on his class team, was put there because he was the only eligible available. He did as well as anyone could have expected him to do under the circumstances. Naturally because of his youth and inexperience he was utterly lost in the Tech game. He had courage only.

Flanked by Stiles, who was injured early in the game, the left side of Auburn's line was very weak. Creel, one possibility at end, looked promising at times until he lost confidence in himself. He has already enlisted in the navy.

#### *"Duck" Samford*

"Duck" Samford, who played some in the line, is like most of the others, short on age and football experience, but long on grit.

If Auburn was short of substitute material in the line, the team was still more so in the backfield. Trapp, a very good player, was not eligible for some games and could not play in others because of sickness and injuries.

Jimmy Nall was too frail and never

could last more than a few minutes. He is now one of Uncle Sam's embryonic aviators. He may be little but he will take a shot at anything regardless.

Wallace Hall, the other substitute back was injured early in the season and never really fully recovered. He is too young yet for college football.

So in the two final games and practically the three final games all the work had to be done by Cary Robinson, Ducote, Donahue, and Revington. Robinson had a bad shoulder and Revington has a football knee. Donahue was sick most of the season but had recovered for the Ohio and Tech games.

#### *Ducote In all the Time*

Ducote was in all the time in every game that Auburn played. Not only that, outside of Revington's line plunging, he had to carry the brunt of Auburn's attack all the way through. He had it to do because there was no one else to do it. In addition he did all the kicking and a considerable part of the defense.

Donahue or Trapp might have helped but most of the time they were either in poor condition or not available. So the Iron Duke had to carry the load. As he is only human he naturally faltered at the end and lacked the speed and power that he showed in the Vanderbilt game. Besides, he is really only beginning to find himself as a backfield man.

#### *Cary Robinson*

Cary Robinson was added to the list of Auburn players whose individual play was sacrificed that the team might benefit. No one ever did this more cheerfully than Cary. He would have made All-Southern in the line, but he was far more valuable in the team at quarterback. In fact, without him in the backfield it is hard to see how Auburn could have carried out her schedule. With his game shoulder he was in the Clemson game until Auburn scored and was put in the A. & M. game to guide the team to its first touchdown when things looked rocky.

He played in every minute of the four final games and his inspiring "Fight 'Em Auburn," had a great deal to do with the way the team fought against odds. He was a fitting leader for one of the gamiest football teams ever put out in this country. A tribute to the cleanliness of the team's play was the fact that not a single penalty was drawn in the last two games and an indication of the way in which the team trained is the fact that two of the best teams in the country were played in five days with very few substitutions, much less time was taken out by them than by their opponents.

#### *Proud of Team*

Auburn is very proud of what its team has done for Southern football and that with a war time team against a team that was from all reports a veteran ag-

gregation. We hear a lot nowadays of comparisons between teams from various sections of the country. The trouble is that the South in football is no longer a baby and has not been for some time.

If Ohio State is a fair example of a first class Western team it is hard to see how they would have much chance of scoring against a first class Auburn line. Pete Bonner showed what might be the result of a pair of tackles like him flanked by ends like Kearley and Robinson, Pitts, Lockwood and Thigpen in between.

#### *Compares With Tech*

To return to this year and compare home with Georgia Tech, the best team in the South. Granting everything possible, that Ohio might have let down somewhat and that you can't tell a thing by scores, which you can't in modern football, still a cold blooded and critical analysis will show Tech as the better team. The two lines looked about on a par with the exception of Bolen, Ohio's strong right side would be against Tech's strong left side, and from end to end things would about even up. It is in the backfield, however, that Tech excelled. Hill and Stinchombe were players of about the same style, with the advantage in favor of Hill.

"Chic" Harlev, because of his all around work, might be a more valuable man to Ohio State than Strupper is to Tech, but as an offensive player pure and simple, he is inferior to Strupper. If Harlev is a fair example of an All-American player quite a few in the South have been overlooked.

#### *No Equal for Guyon*

Outside of Guyon, the third back from each team would be a standoff, but Ohio has no one to equal Guyon with his speed, experience and power. So it looks like a safe margin in favor of the Southern team. This season will probably lead to more intersectional contests which while a team's main interest should be in its own section, lend a broadening interest to the sport.

#### HEFLIN COMMENTS ON THE TEAM

Tom Hefflin, who is an old Auburn boy, watched the game with keen interest. He cheered the Auburn team from start to finish. Before the game had proceeded but a few minutes, Hefflin said to friends in the auto with him, "Gentlemen, Auburn is going to give a good account of herself here today."

Bonner, one of the best men in the Auburn team, is from Hefflin's district. He was performing in heroic fashion and someone reminded Hefflin that Bonner was bleeding at the mouth. Whereupon Hefflin remarked, "Yes, but the light of battle is blazing in his eyes."

When the game was over, Tom went over and told the brave warriors from Auburn that he was proud of them and he said to them, "Every boy who loves old Auburn will be happy tomorrow when he reads of your heroic work here today."

#### THE AUBURN SPIRIT

By Morgan Blake, The Atlanta Journal.

You may break, you may shatter the team if you will, but the faith of the students will cling around it still.

Last year the writer sat at Grant Field and saw the Tech Juggernaut run roughshod over the Auburn Tigers, handing them the worst defeat probably in their history. And yet over in one section of the stands sat a bunch of Tiger rooters, who kept up a continual din that never hushed despite the piling up of the score against them.

It is mighty easy to be enthusiastic over a winning team, and in those days of Auburn's supremacy in the South, it required little effort on the part of the students to open their lungs. But in the lean years it comes hard. And the Auburn students are just as rampart, just as noisy, just as encouraging to their team today as they were then.

When the team got back from Atlanta the other day after losing to Davidson, the college boys met them at the train, with the past forgotten and inspiring words for the future.

They are thinking only of the coming game with Vanderbilt, and a big banner is hung across the town with these words, "Don't be a slacker. Hit the sawdust trail for the football field each afternoon. We must defeat Vanderbilt."

Brave hearted lads, these, and rooters worth fighting for. The writer never saw an Auburn man who was not a sportsman and a gentleman.

#### LETTERS

From Lieutenant Massey P. Bedsole, who is in France.

"Today is Sunday and this afternoon is a long, long Sunday afternoon, hence this epistle. During the week days when we have plenty to do, business is as usual; that is, things come in a matter of fact sort of way, but on Sunday when we have nothing to do but 'set and set' this life assumes an entirely different aspect.

"I have been lonesome this afternoon and just a wee bit homesick. Still, I guess all that is good for a fellow after all. It makes him appreciate what kin-folks and friends mean. I was thinking of the folk back in the good old United States this afternoon as I lay in my bunk.

"One of the fellows in the room made a statement this afternoon that expressed my sentiments exactly. We were all lying in our bunks smoking when he suddenly raised up and said, 'I would give my right leg for a letter from home today.' So would I—today. It is funny how the little details of an incident in one's life assumes such proportions when one is so far away from home and on an adventure like this. \* \* \*

"Yesterday we were out in the country on bicycles, part of our course of instruction, and stopped at a country side inn for some coffee. A beautiful little girl came in with an armful of flowers. The first thing I thought of was Nell's 'a beautiful bird is the pelican.'

"This morning a boy from Atlanta, Ga., and I went out for a walk in the country and visited an ancient temple built by the earliest inhabitants of France, the Druids, eight hundred years before Christ. I thought of you while we were going through it and wished you could have been with us while the old Frenchman told us of its history. Next Sunday we are going over to an old chateau which was built long before Napoleon Bonaparte's time. Of course, you realize that Sunday is the only time we have to do these things. During the week days we are busy enough, believe me.

"This is the most beautiful country I think I ever saw. So are the people. Some of the women we see have the sweetest, most Madonna-like expressions on their faces I have ever seen. It reminds me of what our grandmothers must have been in the trying days of '64.

"I am beginning to think that if I equip myself to be the most value to my country and give all I have to give, it will be a life well spent. The dinner (supper) bell in Alabama is ringing now so I guess I'll go 'feed.' Tell all of them to please, please, write to me sometime."

Lieutenant's Bedsole's address is Massey P. Bedsole, second lieutenant, Field Artillery, United States Reserves, Field Artillery School of Instruction, American Expeditionary Force, via New York, N. Y.

From Dr. Joe Steiner, Class of 1900, who is in France.

Oct. 11. This is just a note to say that I am still at the front and feeling pretty good. \* \* It has been cold and raining for the past week and one does not have all the comforts of home. We have fires in the operating room but none in our quarters. We eat in a tent and generally with our hats and overcoats on. After you finish work and eat there is nothing to do but go to bed and try to keep warm, an listen to the guns roar and the aeroplanes buzz. This activity here gets greater every day and the bombardment at night is simply terrific. Usually the big guns start at sunset, and from then until morning it is a continuous affair.

I have gotten so I can sleep right through it. \* \* Most of the fighting for the past few days has been by the artillery, and the casualties and wounded have not been so high. But at that it has been sufficiently high. It really is a mild day if they don't butcher up a few thousand. One of the greatest joys the Bosches seem to have just now is shelling an ambulance with wounded men in it. We have had two ambulances blown into eternity within the past few days.

I had quite an interesting trip yesterday on a Camion. Went up through the old German and French trenches that were used the past Spring. Also saw some of the beautiful old French towns that have been practically wiped out by shell fire. It is all too wicked for words. \* \*

October 15. Am still at the French front, and still doing and seeing the most wildly exciting and interesting things. Yesterday was one of my loafing days and I spent most of it in sight seeing. In the morning I went some 10 Kilos behind our place to one of the large aviation camps. It was a glorious walk on one of the few clear days we have had. The avians are the wonder of this war and it is a constant fight for air supremacy. There are many Americans and they are constantly doing the most thrilling stunts. There are about fifty planes in the camp which I visited. It is very interesting to listen to the exciting stories the men tell. They never know, of course, when they go out whether they will come back. It is rather an unusual afternoon when the avians are working that one or two at least are not brought down. It is really solemn to watch a plane ready to start for the afternoon fray and see the chaps wave goodbye to a comrade. They usually greet each other when passing in the air with several rapid shots from the machine guns. These guns in planes are arranged to shoot between the blades of the propellers, and they shoot just as fast as the propeller rotates. Yesterday being a clear day there was great air activity. Bosche planes were overhead most of the afternoon and the Allied planes were in a constant chase after them. It is more than exciting to sit with my valuable field glasses and watch these air tilts. The observation balloons, or sausages as we call them, and the German planes set after them just at sunset. There has been a balloon just over us ever since we have been here, and we nicknamed it "Susanne." She was a constant fixture and care and I used to look out the window at night, after our lights were out, to see if "Susanne" was still in the sky. But alas! Yesterday at sunset her life was snuffed out by a Bosche plane. I was sitting out in front looking at her and listening to the wonderful bugle calls of the Alpine Chasseurs, when the Bosche dived down out of a cloud and hit "Susanne"



amidships with an incendiary bomb. The officer in the basket saw what was coming and jumped out in a parachute, and landed safely. But poor "Susanne" went up in one huge puff of black smoke. She was inflated, which does not mix well with incendiary bombs. Directly after this there was a thrilling encounter between the allied planes and the Bosche anti-aircraft guns. The little black puffs finally brought one of the planes down.

There is great sorrow in France over Guynemer's death. He was quite an idol and the airmen thought he lived a charmed life.

It has been raining incessantly since yesterday and this war zone is a sight with mud and water. The men coming in from the front trenches look like drowned rats. They are usually so caked with mud they don't look like humans. Their feet and legs look like second degree burns from the blanching cold water in which they stand. The water in places is up to their hips.

Several regiments of Chasseurs, camped near us, are magnificent men and are the cream of the fighting forces. Most of the officers are men who have performed gallant feats in the war. Practically all of them wear numerous medals. It is inspiring to hear them play their battle music. They say a Chasseur will keep fighting as long as he hears the trumpets. \* \* \*

I have been about to freeze up here. I came away with my lighter clothes, and really need very heavy ones, which I'll get in a few days and will be O. K. I got one of those sleeveless sweaters knitted for the Red Cross. They are fine to wear under a blouse. They should be knitted with a closer weave. When knitted loosely they stretch to Heaven and back and are not much protection.

One of our great needs is tobacco, and strange to say, candy. It is impossible to get milk chocolate over here and it is very dear and is the one thing we all crave. We have had trouble in getting marmalade or jam, and even that is not very good, but answers the purpose.

I wish every day that the war was over and I could go home. I am afraid though that this war will not be over soon. We hear rumors that it will, but there is certainly no letting up in activity so far as we can see.

The real horrors of this holocaust will never be realized, except by the men right here at the front. The silent suffering the wounded men endure is amazing—many times I think that from the mental stress they may become insensible of pain.

#### BIRTHS

A son, John McDavid, to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Monger,

#### PERSONALS

D. J. Parker, '01, is Mine Safety Engineer of the United States Bureau of Mines. He has charge of the mine rescue cars operating all over the country by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. Headquarters of the Mine Safety Engineer are Pittsburgh, Penn.

G. C. Emmons, ex '07, has been pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Gallup, N. M., until recently. Bishop Landreath has appointed Emmons as his private secretary. In the performance of the duties of the position, Emmons will visit every cantonment and every military camp in the country. Albuquerque, N. M., is his home.

J. D. Henderson, '09, is Principal of the Albuquerque Business College. He has perfected a new system of shorthand and expects to publish a book on the subject soon. Auburn men will remember Henderson for his active work with the band. Auburn men passing through Albuquerque will find a warm welcome with Henderson.

R. C. Williams, '07, was recently commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the U. S. Public Health Service, which is a sort of national board of health. This Board commissions medical officers who have the same rank and status as the medical officers in the army and navy. Williams is now with Bureau of Mines Car No. 2.

H. O. Sargent, '01, is District Representative for the South of the National Board for Vocational Education, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. He is special supervisor of the negro schools getting assistance from the funds available under the Smith-Hughes Act.

Dr. A. F. Jackson, '01, is a member of the local board for Division No. 1. Selective Draft, and Physician of Staff on Correction of Defects, Territory of Hawaii. Jackson has a thriving practice in Honolulu and informs us that he has a wife and two children.

Prof. R. D. Webb, Secretary of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, is issuing a wide-awake little paper entitled "The South Carolina Sunday School Promoter." Mr. Webb is doing a phenomenal work among the Sunday schools of South Carolina, and this paper is one of the evidences of his energetic work.

The Alumnus is informed that L. C. Smith and Mc Isaac, Class of '20, of the Ambulance Corps, have been wounded in France.

Rufus Pierson, '09, is a successful druggist in Decatur, Ala. His store is said to be one of the largest and best equipped in North Alabama.

Vincent Walker, of Decatur, a former Auburn student, is in the British aviation

service. He is supposed to be in Egypt. His promotion in the aviation service has been phenomenal.

Dr. C. A. Brown, '92, Principal of the Birmingham High School, and Professor Zebulon V. Judd, Professor of Education, are members of the State Board for Vocational Education.

Mr. H. M. Robertson, '15, has recently been made Assistant Chemist of the Food and Drug Inspection Bureau of Tennessee.

Mr. E. B. McBride, '16, has accepted a position as pharmacist with the Evergreen Pharmacy.

Mr. John Emmett Pitts, '12, who has been Professor of Mathematics and Director of Athletics at Tech High School in Atlanta for the past three years, has resigned his position in order to enter the third training camp for officers.

Mr. Chas. W. Crumley, '12, is Superintendent of the Public Schools at Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. B. T. Simms, '11, is connected with the Experiment Station at the Oregon Agricultural College.

Capt. E. F. Pearce, '11, and Lieut. J. B. Lovelace, '13, will be among those recently commissioned in Coast Artillery at Fortress Monroe, who will go to France immediately.

The following have received appointment to the third training camp for officers: J. E. Pitts, '12; Wm. R. Ward, '11; T. J. Miles, '11; J. S. Burbage, '18; T. C. Smith, '15; and W. L. Liddell, '18. Others will be announced later. These men will report to Leon Springs, Texas.

C. W. Collins, '99, better known in his college days as "Frosty," has recently published "The National Budget System" (Macmillan), a book giving an outline of the workings of budget system and of the changes needed for its adoption in our national finances.

L. J. Howell, '13, who until recently has been Principal of Winston County High School, has recently accepted a position as Director of Agriculture of the Pickens County High School, which becomes a beneficiary under the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act.

#### MARRIAGES

##### *Polglaze-Dodge*

Mr. Richard Alexander Polglaze to Miss Lillian Benigma Dodge, October 3rd, at Gadsden, Ala.

##### *Rumph-McKenzie*

Mr. David Clare Rumph, '12, to Miss Mildred McKenzie, November 20th, at Montezuma, Ga.

##### *Martin-Harrison*

Mr. Charles B. Martin, ex '13, to Miss Grace Harrison.

##### *Molyneaux-Lott*

Mr. Paul Molyneaux, '13, to Miss Ruth Thomas Lott, November 1st, Mobile, Ala.

##### *Collier-Whiting*

Mr. B. T. Collier, '10, to Miss Sue Gladys Whiting, July 11th, Farrell, Miss.

##### *Rogers-Gross*

Lieut. Briggs M. Rogers to Miss Almy Lydie Gross, August 25th, Birmingham, Ala.

##### *Cannady-Baldwin*

Lieut. Preston H. Cannady, '16, to Miss Mary Ellen Baldwin, December 1st, Verbena, Ala.

##### *Moulton-Stringfellow*

Lieut. Geo. L. Moulton, ex '14, to Miss Stringfellow, December 7th.

##### *Goode-Fontaine*

Mr. William W. Goode, ex '15, to Miss Mary Fontaine, December 5th, at Gastonburg, Ala.

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Auburn Monthly Collegian, 1885-1887. 2 vols.

College Topics, monthly, January-June, 1891. C. C. Johnson, Editor.

College Index, monthly, 1892-93. Dr. C. H. Ross, Editor.

Orange and Blue, weekly, Nov. 7, 1894-June 6, 1895. L. S. Boyd and J. A. Duncan, Editors.

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